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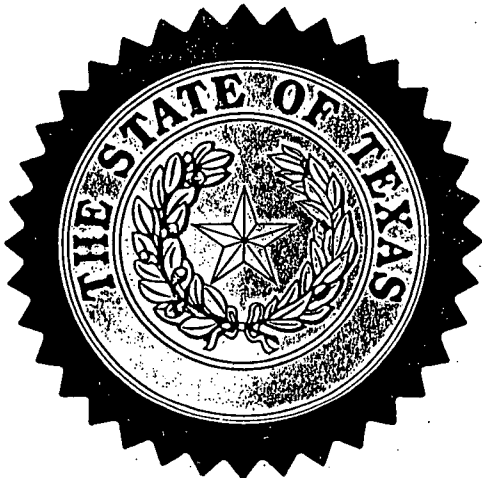
Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto Senate Bill No. 733 as passed by the Seventy-Eighth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

The intent of Senate Bill No. 733 was to allow local governments in rural areas to purchase an item from a local vendor without following competitive purchasing procedures if the vendor's price is equal to or less than the price provided by the state. However, a technical flaw in the bill's language would have broadened the bill's scope to cover every county in the state except Dallas County. Under this bill, local governments throughout the state would be free to buy an item without following competitive purchasing procedures from every county in the state, except Dallas. Therefore, Dallas vendors would be held at a competitive disadvantage. While this exemption to competitive purchasing may be appropriate in a rural area where there are few vendors offering the same item, it could open the door for abuse of state purchasing requirements. With this veto message, I hope to discourage legislators from further attempts to bypass competitive bid requirements.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 20th day of June, 2003.

Rick Perry

RICK PERRY

Governor of Texas

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
7:30 PM O'CLOCK

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ATTESTED BY:

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Secretary of State